ed near half an Hour. It broke the Stalks of all the Beans and Wheat within that Circumference, and Ruined as much Glaſs at Major *Hanbury*'s Houſe, as coſt Four Pounds Repairing; ſome of the Hail were Eight Inches about, their Figure very irregular and unconſtant, ſeveral of the Hailſtones being Compounded.

IX. *An Account of a* Fætus, *voided by the Ulcered Navil of a Negro in* Nevis, *by Mr.* James Brodie; *Communicated by Dr.* Preſton.

SIR,

IN the Iſland of *Nevis*, in the *Weſt-Indies*, there was a Negro Woman belonging to one Captain *Mead*, who after one Year and halfs being with Child, was at the laſt, to a wonder relieved by the Navil, in this manner; about the 17th Month, the Woman being believed to be Hydropical, by reaſon of her paſſing her time ſo far, and of the great ſwelling of her Belly. Her Navil did begin to Swell and Impoſtumate, ſo that moſt People did believe ſhe would dye by that. It did Tumifie and grow livid, ſo that the Surgeon was unwilling to meddle with it; but by reaſon of the Importunity of the Maſter of the Woman, who was willing to try all ways to ſave her Life, he was coming to open it, but in that time it did break of it ſelf, and void ſome quantity of Ichorous Matter, and then leave off, but the Woman had ſome eaſe by it then; in

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in about a Month more it did Impoſtumate again, to a far greater degree then before, whereupon, the Surgeon being ſent for, he, where it did ſeem moſt Jetting out, which was the Navil it ſelf, did lay it open with a large Lancet; and then, after voiding a great deal of thin Ichor and Matter, there did appear ſome Bones, which did ſtartle him, not having ſeen the like before, and it did prove to be a Child, that the Fleſh was decayed from, the which did ſtink much; but after the Extraction of the Bones, the Woman was eaſie, and in a little time the Woman did begin to Recover, ſhe being very low, by reaſon of the great Burthen ſhe had carried for a long time: She is now Recovered, and was alive about ſix Months ago, when I was in *Nevis*; and I was told by the Surgeon and ſeveral others, that ſhe hath had a Child ſince, this can be aſſerted by ſeveral Perſons of quality of that Iſland that are in Town, who have ſeen the Woman. This is all I can ſay of it at preſent, till my return to the *Weſt-Indies*, when, if any one deſire to know more of it, I ſhall give them a larger account. This, Sir, is what I can ſay to what you did deſire. I am

Yours, &c.